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COUNTRY AFGHANISTAN/SAUDI ARABIA/IRAQ/IRAN

DOI SEPTEMBER 1974

SUBJECT VISIT OF AFGHAN MINISTER OF PLANNING TO SAUDI ARABIA, IRAQ AND IRAN

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THE CURRENT REPORT IS MORE IN LINE WITH OTHER AVAILABLE INFORMATION: BAGHDAD IRAQI NEWS AGENCY REPORTED ON 3 SEPTEMBER THAT IRAQ HAS GRANTED AFGHANISTAN A \$10 MILLION LOAN TO BE PAID FROM THE IRAQI FUND FOR FOREIGN DEVELOPMENT. AN AGREEMENT WAS SIGNED IN BAGHDAD DURING KHORRAM'S VISIT.)

2. AFGHAN PLANNING MINISTER ALI AHMAD K H O R R A M RETURNED FROM HIS EARLY-SEPTEMBER VISITS TO SAUDI ARABIA AND IRAQ WITH PROMISES OF FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FROM BOTH COUNTRIES. SAUDI ARABIA AGREED TO PROVIDE \$65 MILLION IN AID (\$55 MILLION IN CREDITS AND \$10 MILLION IN GRANTS). IRAQ WILL PROVIDE \$12 MILLION IN AID (\$10 MILLION IN CREDITS AND \$2 MILLION AS A GRANT). THE AID FROM BOTH COUNTRIES IS NOT TIED TO SPECIFIC PROJECTS, AND CAN BE USED BY THE AFGHANS AT THEIR DISCRETION. KHORRAM SIGNED PROTOCOLS FOR THE AID (PREVIOUSLY AGREED TO IN PRINCIPLE IN BOTH COUNTRIES.

3. WHILE RETURNING FROM HIS VISIT TO SAUDI ARABIA AND IRAQ, KHORRAM STOPPED IN TEHRAN ON 8 SEPTEMBER 1974, AND HAD DISCUSSIONS WITH IRANIAN MINISTER OF COMMERCE FREIDUN M A H D A V I.

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